

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

In the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) papers entry of the Amendment filed January 3, 2005 and Supplemental Amendment filed January 28, 2005 has been requested. In view of those papers claims 34-41 are believed to be allowable.

Further, by the present Amendment new claims 42-47 are presented for examination, which are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure and thus not raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a further examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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